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 TAGS: PREL, PGOV, ASEC, PTER, IZ
 SUBJECT: CPA 1092: ARAB NATIONALISTS SEE FALLUJAH AS
 VICTORY
 CLASSIFIED BY DIRECTOR FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, RONALD NEUMANN
 FOR REAONS 1.4 (B) AND (D).

1. ~~(S)~~ SUMMARY. INSURGENTS AND ARAB NATIONALISTS VIEWED
 THE SITUATION IN FALLUJAH AS A GREAT VICTORY, (b)(1)
 (b)(1) TOLD CPA FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR NEUMANN AND
 AMBASSADOR CHRIS ROSS. WHILE A YEAR AGO ANTI-COALITION
 FORCES FEARED THE U.S. MILITARY, TODAY THEY WERE NO LONGER

(b)(1)

 FALLUJAH

2. ~~(S)~~ (b)(1) EXPLAINED TO NEUMANN AND ROSS THAT FALLUJAH
 DID NOT REPRESENT A REEMERGENCE OF THE BA'ATH PARTY.
 RATHER, FALLUJAH SYMBOLIZED "ARAB NATIONALISM FIGHTING THE
 OCCUPATION." HE SAID THAT ARAB NATIONALISTS REGARDED THE
 SITUATION IN FALLUJAH AS A GREAT VICTORY AND (b)(1)
 PREDICTED THE SCENARIO WOULD BE REPLICATED IN OTHER IRAQI
 CITIES.

3. ~~(S)~~ (b)(1) EXPLAINED THAT THE LOCAL AND REGIONAL
CULTURE INTERPRETED THE (b)(1)

(b)(1) HE ARGUED THAT CONSISTENCY WAS VALUED
AND RESPECTED.

4. ~~(S)~~ REGARDING FOREIGN FIGHTERS AND SUPPORT FOR THE
INSURGENCY, (b)(1) SUGGESTED THAT IRAQ PUBLICIZE EVIDENCE
OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION WHEN AVAILABLE. HE SAID THE
PUBLICATION OF SEIZED WEAPONS CACHES AND ARRESTED FOREIGN
FIGHTERS WOULD HELP PUT PRESSURE ON CERTAIN COUNTRIES IN
THE REGION, (b)(1) SAID THAT OUR

REFUSAL TO PUBLICIZE THOSE WE HAD ARRESTED BECAUSE OF OUR
LEGAL RULES WAS A MISTAKE. IT WAS INCOMPREHENSIBLE TO ARAB
PUBLICS AND WAS COSTING US FURTHER CREDIBILITY.

THE SITUATION IN THE SOUTH

5. ~~(S)~~ (b)(1)

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